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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising an insoluble support having a ligand attached thereto without being exposed to albumin, said ligand being bindable to albumin, wherein said ligand consists of bromosulfophthalein or a salt of bromosulfophthalein or ester of bromosulfophthalein, and wherein said ligand is attached to said insoluble support via an epoxy linkage.
2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said insoluble support is contained in a container.
3. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said insoluble support is supported in a container.
4. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the container is selected from the group consisting of columns, bottles, filter plates, dishes, and plate inserts.
5. (original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the container is selected from the group consisting of columns, bottles, filter plates, dishes, and plate inserts.
6. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the support is selected from the group consisting of a support for a column, a support for a micro titre plate, column packing, a surface plate, a filter plate, a matrix, an affinity cartridge, and a membrane.
7. - 23. (cancelled)

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24. (currently amended) A kit comprising an assembly, wherein said assembly comprises an insoluble support having attached thereto, without being exposed to albumin, said ligand being bindable to albumin, a ligand consisting of bromosulfophthalein or a salt of bromosulfophthalein or ester of bromosulfophthalein, and wherein said ligand is attached to said insoluble support via an epoxy linkage.

25. (original) The kit of claim 24, further comprising a container.

26. (original) The kit of claim 25, wherein said container is selected from the group consisting of columns, bottles, filter plates, dishes and plate inserts.

27. (original) The kit of claim 24, wherein the support is selected from the group consisting of a support for a column, a support for a micro titre plate, column packing, a surface plate, a matrix, a filter plate, an affinity cartridge, and a membrane.

28. (previously presented) The kit of claim 27, further comprising one or more additional insoluble supports wherein each said additional support is bindable to one or more non-albumin proteins.

29. (previously presented) The kit of claim 28, wherein the one or more additional insoluble supports include one or more supports selected from the group consisting of a support bindable to IgA and a support bindable to IgG.

30. (previously presented) The kit of claim 29, wherein the support is bindable to IgA.

31. (previously presented) The kit of claim 29, wherein the support bindable to IgG is selected from the group consisting of a Protein G cartridge, a Protein A cartridge, and a Protein A and G cartridge.

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32. - 51. (cancelled)

52. (new) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said insoluble support is epoxy-activated.

53. (new) The kit of claim 24, wherein said insoluble support is epoxy-activated.